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Insurance Woman - SJC Fan

Ma Puma, a legend in her own time and reminiscent of the Red Baron and Lili Marlene, rolled into one, takes on a new image October 28th as Saint Joseph's College's number one football fan. Ma's first public appearance was four years ago when she modeled a Saint Joseph's sweat shirt for a national alumni association mailing. She has since given up her modeling career though, to devote all of her energies to the promotion of "Pumacare," a plan introduced by the alumni association.

Ma is a genuine S.J.C. sports fan. Her gentle manner, soft voice and pleasing rapport with the referees, typifies the on campus Saint Joe fan. Ma predicts a win over the Evansville Aces and Ma is usually right.

► Friday night, October 27, Saint Joseph's College swings into its 1967 Homecoming festivities with the traditional bonfire touched off at 8 p.m. Following the pep rally and fire, there will be a swing along in the Raleigh Room of Halleck Center.

Saturday—In Car Registration for the expected Homecoming crowd of 4500 will begin at 9 a.m., and carry through 'til game time with name badges, reunion buttons and mums for the ladies. Lunch will be served in the Chapel Dining Room and the Halleck Center Dining Room from 11:45 to 1 p.m.

Reunion Classes of 52-57-62 will be the honored guests of the weekend.

A cocktail party and luncheon in

the ballroom of Halleck Center to begin at 11:30 a.m. will be the occasion for Father Charles Banet to welcome the reunion classes.

The Pumas Trump the Aces Beginning at 2 p.m., C.D.T., head coach Bill Jennings's Saint Joseph's team will take on the gridders from Evansville University. This will be the 16th time that these teams have met. They have split this series 6 and 6. Last season the Pumas won their first game in four years against Evansville, 20-14.

Halftime the 1967 Homecoming Queen will be crowned amid floats and flowers.

Alumni-Senior Happy Hour a tradition of some 10 years will be continued this year with alumni, seniors, faculty and friends gathering in the Ballroom of Halleck Center for the post-game "Happy Hour" immedi-

cowboy songs and French Canadian melodies. If you make the scene when your kids play this stuff, you may want to join the action. Surely Alumni Fieldhouse will live up to its name, "House of Noise."

Dance Time — 9:30 — Three bands will entertain on each of the Halleck Student Center's three levels. The dining room level will feature a 10 piece dance orchestra for alumni and seniors only (with ample beverage facilities.) The Raleigh room will cringe to a hard rock group and the ballroom will swing to more subdued electric guitars. Alumni will be welcome at any of the dances with the dining room level reserved only for them. \$2.00 per person.

► Sandwiches and coffee will be served after the dances.

Annual Alumni Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday, October 29 will bring to a close the Saint Joseph's College 1967 Homecoming. The mass will be for the intention of all Saint Joseph's Alumni.



A PUMA RUN SETS UP A TOUCHDOWN
8 and 8 Over the Years

ately following the football game 'til 6.30 p.m.

Homecoming Buffet for alumni and seniors is scheduled to be on the serving tables beginning at 6:30 p.m. Steak with all the accessories will make up the menu. Mrs. Swaze, director of Halleck Center plans on mashing enough potatoes for 700 people. Dinner per person is \$2.50—all you can eat.

In Concert at 7 p.m. in Alumni Fieldhouse, the SJC Student Council is producing the first Homecoming Concert. Aimed at the students, the concert is headlining the American Breed, a hard rock group of the Beatle type, together with Ian and Sylvia, folk singers with a repertoire of ballads, mountain music, blues,

THE SJC STORY

In 1868

A frame home was erected one mile south of Rensselaer, Ind., as a home for 35 orphans. The home was closed in 1887. Two years later, the Most Reverend Joseph Dwenger, bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, offered the vacant home and the surrounding land to Father Henry Drees, then Provincial of the Society of the Precious Blood, with the stipulation that a college be founded there. During the same year, 1889, Saint Joseph's College was incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana with the right to grant the usual degrees.



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President - Mayor - Congressman

In the summer of 1891, the first building, then the southern half of the administration building, was completed and the first students were enrolled. In 1893 the building was extended to its present proportions. Education at Saint Joseph's during these early years was conducted on two levels, the high school and the junior college. The aim was to prepare students for professional schools and seminaries, for teaching, and for immediate entry into business. The new college passed its first major landmark on June 16, 1896, when it presented diplomas to 12 students, its first class of graduates.

The original aims of Saint Joseph's changed little until 1925. At that time the college was converted into a minor seminary, and for six years admitted only students preparing for the priesthood. The academy and junior status was re-established in 1931, and plans for the expansion of the school were formulated.

Three years later Saint Joseph's began operating as a four-year degree-granting senior college. In June, 1938, its first class of four-year men was graduated. The academy was discontinued in 1948.

Principal buildings on the campus in 1938 were the chapel, administration building, Gaspar Hall, Dwenger Hall, Science Hall, Drexel Hall, and the power plant. A building program was launched in the summer of 1939, and between that year and 1941, Seifert Hall, Merlini Hall, Xavier Hall and the fieldhouse were constructed.

The expansion program was cut short by World War II and not resumed until the summer of 1946, when extensive work was done on the cafeteria, fieldhouse, library and publications building. In 1956, Bennett and Noll Halls were completed; in 1958, Gallagher and Halas Halls.

The Charles A. Halleck Student Union Center and a faculty housing project have been completed as Saint Joseph's building program continues. A new dormitory is now nearing completion.

The Puma Lives On

Saint Joseph's first athletic teams were called the "Reps"—representatives of Saint Joseph's. In 1933 the name was changed to Cardinals, a "natural" with the school's colors of cardinal and purple. A few years later "Cardinals" had become a common nickname for athletic teams and

in 1939 Father Edward Roof, C.P.P.S., Director of Athletics, and Ed Fischer, Director of the News Bureau, decided to find a new nickname for Saint Joseph's athletic teams.

As the nickname deliberations began, Rensselaer and Jasper County gained national attention with a wild animal hunt that started in May 1939, when the carcasses of young livestock were found on the Truman Ware farm southeast of the city and on other farms in the area. The slaying of the livestock was attributed to a wild animal and on May 29, 1939, the Rensselaer Republican announced in a banner head and two decks: "County Goes to Guns in Puma Hunt" "Killer Thought Surrounded in Dense Woods" "Hundreds of Armed Men Girdle Mile Square Area Southeast of Here in Search for Wild Animal."



RADIANT HOMECOMING QUEEN
Always a Cutie

Plaster casts were made of the animal's footprints "that are three to four inches in length and almost as wide" and these prints were identified by zoo officials in Lafayette, Indiana and Brookfield, Illinois as those of a puma, an American mountain lion or cougar. The hunt for the wild animal continued until a coon hunter from nearby Francesville journeyed into the area to join the hunt. When he saw the prints he told the local residents that his dog "makes as big tracks." Attention then focused on a police dog at the Ware farm and it soon became evident that the dog was the killer.

The Puma hunt ended, but the memory isn't likely to fade. The June 21, 1939 edition of the Republican announced: St. Joe Cards Change Nickname — County's Puma Will Live On!"

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